VALLEY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH

OF

ARMAGH, PENNSYLVANIA

They are dead; but they live in
each Patriot's breast,
And their names are engraven on
honor's bright crest.

—HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

SUNDAY, MAY 30TH, AD 2021

The LORD'S Day

The Thirtieth Day of May, *in the Year of our Lord* 2021

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.

We continue our studies in the **History of the Christian Church**.

We are currently working on a sub-series relating to the issue of **God & Government**. What *is* the appropriate nature and level of Christian involvement in temporal civic and political affairs? Today we continue to discuss and Scripturally evaluate the so-called *"Total Pietistic Withdrawal"* Viewpoint.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"Bless His Holy Name* (#8)."

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"God of our Fathers* (#547)."

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: John 17:1-5.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"Battle Hymn of the Republic* (#553)."

Announcemnts.

Hymn: *"The Light of the World is Jesus* (#193)."

Dismissal of Youth for Kid's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"The Christ Before Christmas" (Part II)*

Invitation Hymn:* *"I Know Whom I Have Believed* (#229)."

Benediction.*

EXODUS 3:1-2

*The Congregation will please arise, if able.

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Wednesday Night Prayer & Bible Study—7:00 PM.

Our in-depth studies in Daniel continue with the story of the Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3)—a great account of three role models who would not bow down to a king's golden idol! ➔

Today's Verse for Reflection:

"Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts.—Malachi 3:1 (NKJV)

"What's Wrong with the World?"

In the early 1900's, the *London Times* asked several well-known authors to expound upon the theme *"What's Wrong with the World?"* G.K. Chesterton offered the following response as his complete essay:

"Dear Sirs: I am. Sincerely yours, G.K. Chesterton."

Week of May 23-29, 2021

Sunday School—8
Morning Worship—20
Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study—$875.00
Church Offering: $515.00

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MEMORIAL DAY

An exert from General Orders No. 11

issued by Gen. **JOHN A. LOGAN**, Commander-in-Chief,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, Wash., D.C., May 5, 1868

"The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet church-yard in the land..."

"...We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic. If other eyes grow dull, other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain to us."

Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,
May the soldier or sailor,
God keep.
On the land or the deep,
Safe in sleep.

[Popular lyrics to "Taps."]